POLITICAL SCIENCE

(Pass)

(1st Semester)

Course No. : PLSP–101

(Introduction to Political Theory—I)

Full Marks : 50
Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer **five** questions, taking **one** from each Unit.

UNIT—I

1. (a) "The science of politics begins with Aristotle." Who said this? Give two definitions of political science. 1+4=5

   (b) Explain the relationship between political science and economics. 5

(Turn Over)

2. (a) Give two arguments for and against the claim of political science to be regarded as a science. 2+2

(b) Explain the growth of political science as a discipline in the 20th century. 6

UNIT—II

3. (a) Who described the State as 'a march of God on earth'? Name two exponents of the idealist theory regarding the nature of the State. 1+2=3

(b) Discuss briefly the idealist theory regarding the nature of the State. Point out any four limitations of the theory. 3+4=7

4. (a) "The State is the executive committee of the bourgeoisie." Who said it? Who wrote *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*? 1+1=2
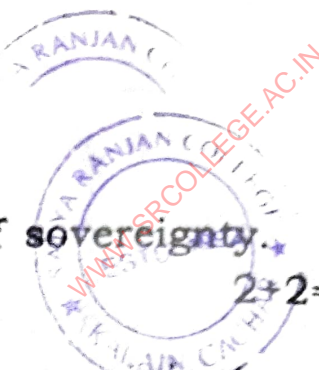
(b) Critically examine the Marxist theory regarding the nature of the State. 8

UNIT—III

(a) Give any two definitions of sovereignty. What is legal sovereignty?   2+2=4

(b) Distinguish between legal sovereignty and political sovereignty.   6

6. (a) Who wrote *A Grammar of Politics*? "Society is federal. Authority therefore must be federal." Who said this?   1+1=2

(b) Mention two principles of pluralism. Point out three merits and three demerits of pluralism.   2+(3+3)=8

UNIT—IV

7. (a) What is the origin of the word 'power'? Mention any three characteristics of power.   1+3=4

(b) Discuss the differences between power and authority.   6

8. (a) What is authority? Mention the three types of authority identified by Max Weber.   2+3=5

(b) What is legitimacy? Explain how legitimacy determines the effectiveness of authority.   2+3=5

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UNIT—V

9. (a) Give two definitions of democracy. Write two arguments to show that democracy is better than any other form of government. 2+2=4

   (b) Explain the conditions for the success of democracy. 6

10. (a) What is Stalinism? Is Stalinism an ideology of totalitarianism? 2+2=4

    (b) Explain the basic principles of Stalinism. 6

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